

**From:** Michael Van Scyoc  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** VERY UNJUST settlement

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the settlement proposed by Microsoft in their Anti-Trust lawsuit. I make my living servicing Microsoft products, however, that's only because they are the only real competitor in the marketplace. I would be only too happy to spend my time servicing Sun or Linux boxes, but there just isn't a big market for those skills. The proposal to let Microsoft give "free" computers and software to thousands of underprivileged school districts nation-wide would be like catching the wolf who killed one of your sheep and then forcing him to eat the rest of the flock or like the drug dealer who gives your kid his first "hit" free. If this settlement is allowed, Microsoft will have scored the biggest victory in legal history in having been found guilty of Anti-trust law violations only to be allowed to increase that monopoly 10 fold as the supposed penalty. If Microsoft wants to help underfunded school districts as part of their penance, Great. Let them donate money, NOT SOFTWARE. If they want to donate hardware, fine that works too.

If this settlement is supposed to be a penalty, then why not as the CEO of RedHat, Inc. suggests, let them pay for the hardware and allow RedHat, Inc to provide all the FREE LINUX software and support. If we want to level the playing field, that's your true answer.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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